

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A conditioning device for plastic preforms (5) comprising a turret (6), having at least one face (6', 6'') provided with a plurality of cavities (7) for conditioning the preforms (5), the cavities (7) being adapted for holding in their inside said preforms (5), the turret being fixed to a supporting structure with motor means adapted to make the turret carry out spatial movements, characterised by the fact that said turret (6) has a structure comprising a first bar (18) in the shape of a parallelepiped, a second bar (19) parallel to the first bar, one or more substantially rectangular plates (14, 17) characterised in that the one or more substantially rectangular plates (14, 17) are exchangeable, have a thickness smaller than that of said first (18) and second (19) bars, are supported at one end by the first (18) bar, at a second end by the second bar (19) and are comprised in said at least one face (6', 6'').

2. (Currently amended) A The device ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 1, wherein the preforms (5) define a neck and the conditioning cavities (7) are provided with means (10', 10'') suitable for holding the preforms (5) with the neck facing a downward position.

3. (Currently amended) A The device ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 2, wherein said spatial movements comprise a first movement of rotation around a substantially horizontal axis (X) and a second translation movement between a first position at the height of the means (3) for extracting the preforms from the mould and a second position near a device (23) for extracting the preforms (5) from the cavities (7).
4. (Currently amended) A The device ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 3, wherein the axis of rotation (X) is horizontal and is essentially orthogonal to a direction (C) for conveying the preforms (5) away from a mould.
5. (Currently amended) A The device ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 4, wherein the extracting device is placed under said lower second position of the turret (6), and is provided with gripping means suitable for extracting the preforms from the cavities (7) of the turret (6).
6. (Twice amended) A The device ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 5 wherein said plates (14, 17) are more than one and each plate (14, 17) supports several cavities.

7. (Currently amended) A The device ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 6, wherein the first bar (18) houses ducts suitable for conveying the working fluids.

8-12. Cancelled without prejudice.